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In re Patent Application of:  
Yoshiyuki Shoji et al.

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For: DEVICE FOR SUCKING LIQUID AND  
METHOD FOR SUCKING LIQUID

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Examiner: B. R. Gordon

**AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.